

Remarks

1. Election/Restriction

Applicants appreciate the indication that the restriction requirement is withdrawn.

2. Claim Objections

Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 26-27 and 29 to remove the word "sufficient." Accordingly, it is believed the objection is overcome.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-31 contain allowable subject matter.

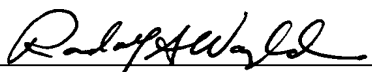
4. Conclusion

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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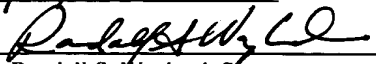


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